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SENATOR KOCH: Thank you. Is Senator Marvel in the chambers? Senator Clark or Senator Marvel? I'd respectfully like you to yield to a question. Senator Marvel, has the Department of Motor Vehicles been before your committee to talk about highway safety and money needs to carry on these programs of training for volunteer firemen and others?

SENATOR MARVEL: No.

SENATOR KOCH: Thank you.

SENATOR MARVEL: Not to my notion. I'm getting all kinds of letters . . .

PRESIDENT: Senator Lewis.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: I have a question of Senator Luedtke first. Now the additional \$2, \$1 is to go to the administration. Is that correct?

SENATOR LUEDTKE: No. Two dollars goes . . . it all goes in the general fund. It's not broken down at all. It all goes into the general fund, then the court administrator has to come back to the Appropriations Committee and get the money back out for running the courts. That's the way it works. It strictly goes into the general fund. It's not earmarked at all.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Do we have a list of recommendations from the court administrator as to where this money would go, and to what program it would go into?

SENATOR LUEDTKE: Well if you want to check with the Appropriations Committee, they have had, I believe, they have appeared before the Appropriations Committee for their court budget.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: And they've asked for a \$350,000 increase?

SENATOR LUEDTKE: I'm not sure what the increase is. This is anticipation of court costs, as compared with what the program has cost in the last couple years. We now have had enough time to sort of see what the court system is costing. I think it's just a realistic appraisal of what we ought to be paying in court costs. That's all.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: I have no objections to us paying for the cost of the court, on a pay-as-we-go basis. Those users ought to have the privilege of paying for it. I've never disagreed with that. I think the Legislature is entitled to know where's the money's going. I think they need to know if the money is justified. If it's true, I certainly would support it. In regard to DeCamp's motion, I'm going to speak to bracketing in a minute Mr. Chairman in case you think I'm a little off course. I thought the Clerk was going to make some comment, so I just beat him to the punch. As far as Senator DeCamp's amendment is concerned, I think if highway safety is a legitimate issue, and I'm sure it is, and we've addressed that issue before and we're spending \$2 million, I understand, in that program, I for one would like a good perusal of that money we're spending currently. If Senator Kennedy wants to argue for emergency medical services, I notice he had the bill introduced to provide that we would mandate certain things to